

City of Fayetteville
Regular Mayor and City Council Meeting
Minutes
April 6, 2006

Call to Order

The Mayor and City Council of Fayetteville met in regular session on Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Steele called the meeting to order, and led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were: Glenn Brewer, Larry Dell, Paul Oddo, Jr., Wilson Price, and Walt White. Staff members present were City Manager Joe Morton and City Clerk Judy Stephens.

Dell moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 16, 2006. Price seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition and Presentations:

Mayor Steele read Proclamation, proclaiming April as Confederate History and Heritage Month and also proclaiming April 26, 2006 as Confederate Memorial Day.

Public Hearings:

Mayor Steele called Public Hearing on Beer and Wine License for Tarathai Restaurant located 176 Banks Crossing for George Mailloux.

Dell moved to approve Beer and Wine License for Tarathai Restaurant located 176 Banks Crossing for George Mailloux. Brewer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Steele called 2nd Reading on Proposed Ordinance #0-3-06 – Amendment to Water and Sewer Ordinance.

Ellen Walls, Assistant Director of Finance stated The City of Fayetteville initiated a Water and Sewer Rate Study to determine if a rate adjustment is warranted to meet the financial needs of the Water and Sewer Utility System.

It is recommended that the City adopt rate adjustments for the water and sewer rates to be effective June 1, 2006. Adoption of these measures would ensure that the City has adequate financial resources to meet the long-term financial needs of the water and sewer systems. The following is a table reflection the current and proposed rates:

UTILITY	RANGE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Water – Residential	0-2,000 gallons (min)	\$12.00	\$13.20
Water - Commercial	0-2,000 gallons (min)	\$22.00	\$24.20
Water – Res & Com	Over 2,000 gallons (per 1000 gals)	\$2.40	\$2.65
Wtr/Res Conservation	Over 20,000 gallons (per 1000 gals)	\$2.64	\$2.92
Water – Senior	0-3,000 gallons (min)	\$10.00	\$11.22
Water - Senior	Over 3,000 gallons (per 1000 gals)	\$2.40	\$2.65
Wtr/Sr Conservation	Over 20,000 gallons (per 1000 gals)	\$2.64	\$2.92

UTILITY	RANGE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Sewer – Residential	0-2,000 gallons (min)	\$10.00	\$12.00
Sewer - Commercial	0-2,000 gallons (min)	\$20.00	\$23.00
Sewer – Res & Com	Over 2,000 gallons (per 1000 gals)	\$1.65	\$2.00
Sewer – Senior	0-3,000 gallons (min)	\$8.50	\$10.20
Sewer - Senior	Over 3,000 gallons (per 1000 gals)	\$1.65	\$2.00

These tables represent the proposed rate structure changes which would result in an increase in the combined water and sewer utility bill by approximately 15%.

It is recommended that the City review the water and sewer rate structure annually to ensure that adequate levels of system revenues are in place to adequately support the expenditures of the utility systems including appropriate levels of debt service coverage.

During the course of the water and sewer rate study, constant reviewing of the revenues collected by the City for utility services has brought to my attention the need to update all charges for utility services performed by City personnel. The recommended changes to the existing rates are indicated in the table below:

SERVICE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Reconnection – Working Hours	\$15.00	\$25.00
Reconnection – After Hours	\$30.00	\$50.00
Reread Meter-Check for Leak (If Misread – No Charge)	\$10.00	\$20.00
Hydrant Meter - 0–5,000 gallons	\$12.50	\$24.20
Hydrant Meter - Over 5,000 gallons	\$2.50	\$2.65
Processing Fee (new service)	\$35.00	\$35.00
Transfer Fee (within the City)	\$20.00	\$20.00

- The proposed hydrant meter user fees are increased to be consistent with the other proposed commercial water rates.
- The requested increase for the reconnection fees and reread fees are to deter the unnecessary and time consuming work associated with delinquent accounts and accounts seeking to avoid paying their utility bills. Repeated trips to a customer's residence to reconnect service, reread a meter, or checking for leaks because a customer is attempting to avoid payment or delay payment is costly. The difficult customers only account for 2% of our customer base, but they create a lot of work. We budget for a 2% increase in operations and maintenance costs annually but no increase in fees is factored to offset the expenditures.

No increases in the processing or transfer fees are recommended at this time.

There were no Public comments

White moved to adopt Ordinance #0-3-06 Amendment to Water and Sewer Ordinance. Dell seconded the motion.

For motion: White, Dell, Brewer, Price

Opposed: Oddo

Motion carried.

Mayor Steele called 2nd Reading on Proposed Ordinance #0- 4-06 – Amendment to Fiscal Year 2006 Budget.

Lynn Robinson, Director of Finance stated this is an ordinance to amend Fiscal Year 2006 General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Impact Fee Fund, SPLOST Fund, Downtown Development Authority, and Main Street Tourism Fund budgets. The total amendments to all funds are a decrease of \$857,456.

There were no public comments.

Price moved to adopt Ordinance #0- 4-06 – Amendment to Fiscal Year 2006 Budget. White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Steele called 2nd Reading on Proposed Ordinance #0-5-06 – Amendment to Health and Sanitation Ordinance – Tobacco Use.

Joe Morton, City Manager advised this amendment will allow for conformity with the Personnel Manual amendment on Tobacco Use.

There were no public comments.

White moved to adopt Ordinance #0-5-06 – Amendment to Health and Sanitation Ordinance – Tobacco Use. Dell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Eldridge Gunn, Director of Planning and Zoning presented Sign Variance request from Advanced Aesthetics located 170 Bastille Way.

Eldridge stated the applicant is requesting a sign variance from the general regulations in the Sign Ordinance Section 6-11 (b) that states a ground sign shall not be located within (10) ten feet of a street right-of-way.... The applicant is requesting a variance to place a (32) thirty-two square foot monument sign at a distance of (5) five feet from the right away on the property located at the corner of Brandywine Boulevard and Bastille Way. This will allow the applicant to address the steep topography change in this area of the property.

The property is a corner lot that has two street frontages and there is an existing (35) thirty-five square foot monument sign near the corner on the Bastille Way side of the property. The applicant's proposed placement of an additional sign on the Brandywine Boulevard side of the property is allowed within the sign ordinance. Single buildings on double frontage lots are allowed one additional ground sign.

The total amount of existing signage on the property is 35 square feet and the additional sign would increase the total amount of signage on site to 67 square feet. The total façade measures approximately 1,000 square feet and under the current ordinance, the maximum allowable signage at the site is 75 square feet.

The applicant's proposed sign would not increase the site's overall signage above what is allowed in the sign ordinance and the sign location would help the applicant achieve the goal of sign visibility for a new tenant, Advanced Aesthetics. It is necessary for Advanced Aesthetics to move in this property while their new building is constructed at its current site along Highway 54. The proposed location for the sign is half the distance closer to Brandywine Boulevard than allowed by the sign ordinance, but there is a steep drop off in the topography along the building's frontage on Brandywine Boulevard. The proposed location is mid distance of the lot's Brandywine Boulevard frontage and therefore would not obstruct the sight of motorists or pedestrians. And it will not detract from the overall aesthetics of the area. Therefore, staff recommends approval.

Dell moved to approve Sign Variance Request from Advanced Aesthetics. Price seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Steele presented Resolution R-5-06 Changing the Mayor and Council Meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

White moved to adopt Resolution R-5-06 Changing the Mayor and Council Meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Price seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager and Staff Reports:

Joe Morton, City Manager stated staff met with Thomas Howell, District Engineer and Mike England, District Traffic Operations Engineer on March 24, 2006. Several issues were discussed including traffic signal timing around the square and on Highway 85, the City's LCI plan and proposed downtown transportation projects. GDOT has requested that the City provide them with a detailed recommendation of the transportation improvements that we would like to implement in the

downtown area. Staff will begin working with our transportation consulting engineer to develop these recommendations.

The GMA Georgia Cities Week will be the week of April 23-30, 2006. Main Street will be conducting an open house at the Depot.

The Tour de Georgia will begin in downtown Fayetteville at 1:30 p.m. on April 19th. There will also be a sponsor's reception at the Courthouse square at 5:30 p.m. on April 18th.

The Comp Plan public participation process is underway with two (2) stakeholders meeting held so far. We have also received an excellent response to our web survey.

The Police Department has published the 2005 Annual Report. A copy has been distributed to the Mayor and Council and will also be made available to the news media and published on our web site. This is an outstanding report with much useful information about the department and the services that it provides to the community.

The next AFCG Meeting will be held at the Tyrone Town Hall on April 11, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

We are finally ready to proceed with the Redwine Multi-Use Path construction. The County will be the project manager and funding will be from the Federal CMAQ Program, Fayette County and the City of Fayetteville.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Steele stated the 2006 Amphitheater Summer Concert Series looks to be great and invited everyone to try to attend.

Dell moved to adjourn the meeting. Price seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Stephens, City Clerk